

Remarks

Status of application

Claims 1-63 were examined. Some of the claims stand rejected in view of prior art. Applicant is grateful for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 51. The claims have been amended so that all independent claims now incorporate the allowable subject matter set forth in claims 2 and 51. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The invention

An integrated personal information management system is described. In one embodiment, for example, an integrated personal information management system, the system of the present invention is described that comprises: a receptacle holding at least one paper page that is capable of receiving pen strokes from a digital pen; a digital pen for recording pen strokes when a user writes on a particular paper page; a page identifier for identifying the particular paper page on which the user is writing; and a handheld personal information device in communication with the digital pen and page identifier for processing the recorded pen strokes associated with the particular paper page and displaying the processing results on a display screen.

General

Claim 47 was rejected under Section 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter (i.e., a computer program per se). The claim has been amended such that the claim language is now directed to the statutory subject matter of a method or process.

Prior art rejections

Claims 1, 3-46, 48-50, and 52-63 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Braun et al. ("Braun"). The claims have been amended so that all claims now include the subject matter that the Examiner has indicated to be allowable in claims 2 and 51.

In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2 pertaining to the dot pattern claim limitation, which the Examiner has

indicated distinguishes Applicant's invention over the prior art. In a similar manner, independent claim 48 has been amended to incorporate the dot pattern claim limitation, which was set forth in allowable claim 51 for that claim family. (Claims 2 and 51, having been incorporated into their respective base claims, are now redundant and are thus canceled.) Independent claim 25 has also been amended to include the dot pattern claim limitation, thereby distinguishing that claim family over the art as well. As all of Applicant's independent claims (i.e., claims 1, 25, and 48) now incorporate allowable subject matter, all claims are believed to be allowable by virtue of dependency from Applicant's allowable independent claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendment to the claims, it is believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Hence, it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408 884 1507.

Respectfully submitted,

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